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A PHILLIPS FAMILY HISTORY

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My ANCESTRY on my father's side of the family consists chiefly of the four family names, Phillips, Hipsley, Frizzell and Wilson. These four families lived for centuries as friends and neighbors. They intermarried occasionally, and when one family moved into a new neighborhood the others followed. They followed each other from Maryland to Ohio, some of them from Ohio to Indiana, others from Ohio to Iowa.

The name Phillips is from the Greek, Philo — a lover, and Hippos — A horse. The apostle Philip was a lover of horses. Our Welsh ancestors spelled it Ffyllys, later Phillips, Phillipps, Phipps, and Phelps. Likewise Frizzell, with accent on the first syllable in Maryland, and on the second in the midwest was spelled in early times, Frisil, Frissil, Ffrizzell, Frizzle, and Frazier.

Cecil Calvert inherited from his father, George Calvert, in 1632, the title of Lord Baltimore, and a large tract of land in America from the king, described as "all that land north of the Potomae to own and to rule". Late the next year 1633, the Ark and the Dove sailed from England to America with more than 200 passengers, and landed in southern Maryland, in February 1634, in that part now known as St. Marys. Attempts were made to organize these settlers into manors or hundreds, but the county system prevailed. One of the last counties to be formed was Carroll which was organized in 1837 from the east part of Frederick County and the west part of Baltimore County with the county seat at Westminster.

It is not believed that any of my ancestors came on the Ark or the Dove, at least the passenger lists do not reveal any family names. Some of them may have been here before 1634. It is known that Forker Frizzell came over from Scotland with his family about 1645 and settled at St. Marys. He probably was related to the Forker family. At any rate a William Frizzell came over with Ann Forker whom he married in 1649. Forker had a son Dennis Frizzell (1625-1690). A few generations later these Frizzells are found as far north as what is known as Carroll County. Frizzleburg, Maryland was named after Nimrod Frizzell (1793-1842), a blacksmith, who according to the history of Carroll County came in in 1814 and built a house, later occupied by Judge Frizzell. Nimrod married Ann Fisher who died in 1865. Nimrod's father was Richard Frizzell (1770-1825) who was a large landowner.

The earliest Phillips on record in America is William Phillips who was born in Baltimore County in 1739. He married Margaret Mince in 1766 and they had five children as follows: James, born March 6, 1768; Martha, born May 16, 1770; William, born September 3, 1772; Rebecca, born August 2, 1775; Margaret, born October 3, 1777. Some of these children with some of the Frizzells moved to South Carolina in 1800, and we have lost track of them. James, however, remained in Maryland and married Catherine Frizzell in 1789 and they had seven children. James and Catherine were preparing to move farther west when James died on January 1, 1808. However, ten years later, in 1818, Catherine Frizzell Phillips and her seven children, three of whom were already married, moved to Ohio, settling first in Harrison County, near Cadiz, and seven years later in March 1825, they all moved to Knox County and settled near Granny's Springs in Pike Township near Frederickstown, Ohio. These seven children are: William, my great grandfather, born December 3, 1794, married Polly Walker (April 1, 1797-March 7, 1862) in Maryland in 1814, daughter of Mordacci Walker who married Margaret Wages: Ruth, born

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June 14, 1794, married Nicholas Headington in Maryland in 1812; Rebecca, born August 1, 1796, married Elias Shipley in Maryland in 1817; Reuben, born November 17, 1799, married Elizabeth Hedges in Harrison County, Ohio in 1821; Nancy, born January 17, 1803, married John Reed in Harrison County, in 1825; Brice, born March 8, 1805, married Honor Durbin in Knox County, Ohio in 1826; and James, born July 16, 1807, married Mary Cochran in Knox County in 1829.

William and Polly Phillips had ten children, seven of whom lived to celebrate golden weddings and three of whom celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. The children of William and Polly Phillips are: Rachel, born in Maryland in 1816, married Simeon Armentrout in 1833. They had nine children, Rebecca, Sarah, Lucinda, George, Lyman, Samantha, Mary Olive, William and Simeon; Rebecca, born in Maryland in 1817, married Levi Cramer in 1831. They had eleven children as follows: Mary E., S. W., Will C., John P., George, Reason, James, Louisa, Margaret and Elmira; George, born in Harrison County, Ohio in 1819 married Emaline Woodruff in 1840. They had six children Amos P., Melinda Abi, Elnora Ann, Laura B., Clement R., Lizzie B.; John Phillips, my grandfather, born in Harrison County October 3, 1821, married Ruth Hipsley October 22, 1842. They had six children as follows: Clarinda, born August 4, 1843, married Hugh C. Wilson January 2, 1864; Margaret, born May 28, 1845, died April 20, 1862 with tuberculosis; Henry W., born August 22, 1847, married Alvira Wilson, sister to Hugh, October 17, 1867; Deroy Elwood, my father, born October 4, 1850, married Julia Beard of Fulton County, Illinois March 18, 1873; Sarah, born November 10, 1853, married Isaac C. Dunmire May 2, 1869; Albert W., born December 3, 1856, married Mary McClurg May 2, 1878. James, born in Harrison County September 11, 1823, married Mary Hughes 1845 and they had eight children, Levi, Sanford, Allen, Nelson, Shannon, Sarah, John A. and James A. Ruth, born 1825, married William Quinn in 1844 and they had nine children, George, Alvira, Luman, Mary, Frank, Alma, Emma, William and Schuyler. Margaret, born 1828, married John Scoles in 1847 and they had seven children, William, George, Amanda, Mell W., Mary A., Armeda E., Emmett and Norval. Mary born in 1832, married A. H. Beach in 1849 and they had eight children, William, F. B., Iona, Flora, Ida, James, Ella, Wilbert. William, born in 1835 and married Rebecca Looney in 1855 and they had six children, Harriet P., Dora B., Elias, A. V., Vivian O., William P. Elias, born 1837, married Sarah Jane Weimer in 1862 and they had five children, Alva C., Milan E., William C., Ira E., and Hallie I.

About the time James Phillips and Catherine Frizzell were married, three other weddings of importance took place. Already mentioned is Mordacci Walker and Margaret Wages. Joshua Hipsley married Elizabeth Goodman and Nicholas Wilson married Ruth Frizzell. Catherine and Ruth Frizzell were sisters and they were perhaps sisters or cousins to Richard Frizzell. At least they lived in the same community at the same time. These Hipsleys and Wilsons were my grandmother's grandparents. The Hipsleys had a son called Joshua (November 24, 1786-May 29, 1866) who married Elizabeth (January 17, 1793-February 11, 1855) daughter of the Wilsons and they had ten children as follows: Mary Ann, born June 10, 1816; Amos, born February 26, 1818; Johnathan Lewis, March 4, 1820, married Eliza Phillips, daughter of Reuben, and a cousin of my grandfather, moved to Porter County, Indiana; Joseph Goodman, born May 26, 1822; Nicholas Wilson, born April 21, 1824; Ruth Elizabeth, my grandmother, born May 10, 1826; Charlotte Eliza, born August 27, 1828. Caleb, born July 21, 1831, was county superintendent of schools in Jasper County, Iowa from 1872 to 1876, had one child, Alice, who married Charlie Miller, a harness maker of Kellogg, Iowa (the Millers had three boys, Howard, John and Elvin who moved to Texas after the death of their parents and we have lost track of them); Sarah A., born October 11, 1833; and finally another Joshua, born August 5, 1836. The parents and their children moved from Carroll County, Maryland to Knox County, Ohio in 1834, and lived on a farm later owned by my grandfather.

The family tradition that Nicholas Wilson was an ancestor to the later Wilsons does not seem to fit into the records. The will of Nicholas Wilson, which is recorded in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland, in Book 16, Folio 77, starts out with "To John Wilson, my eldest and only son." It gives John 75½ acres of land more or less in Winsor Forrest along Little Morgan's Run, and the rest of his property both real and personal to his wife as long as she lives and then the same is to be divided among his four daughters, Elizabeth, who married Joshua Hipsley; Mary, who married Larkin Crenshaw; Dora, who

and probably in her teens. The will is signed with an X (his mark) and witnessed, and he named as the executors, John Wilson, Joshua Hipsley and James Creswell. The will is dated March 3, 1832, and executed in 1836 perhaps after the death of Nicholas Wilson. No mention is made of Aaron Wilson who was the father of Lewis Wilson, the father of Hugh Wilson and others. Nicholas may have been an uncle to Aaron or related in some other way, but he was not his father.

Winsor Forrest is in Carroll County, Maryland, is located a few miles south of Westminster, is near to Mt. Pleasant, and a few miles from Peach Brandy Forest, where the deeds on record show that the Phillips family lived. One deed dated in 1811, is for one acre of land for a Methodist Church, granted to Joshua Hipsley and others as Trustees. This church is located about one mile south of Gamber, Maryland and was probably built of wood. In 1872, it was rebuilt of local stone, is still in good repair and still in use. The cemetery back of the church has monuments in the name of Phillips, Frizzell, Wilson and Creswell, but no monuments were found for any of the Hipsleys. This is no doubt the church where the ancestors attended 130 years ago.

Lewis Wilson, the son of Aaron Wilson, married Hannah Cochran, and they had 12 children. Two died in infancy. The others include Jim who married Ruth Reed, sister of John Reed; Richard who died single at the age of 26. Hugh, who married Clarinda Phillips, Jan. 2, 1864. Alvira, who married Henry Phillips, a brother to Clarinda, Oct. 17, 1868. Christopher Columbus, (Lum) who married Clara Cole. David, who married Emma Phillips, granddaughter of Ruben Phillips, Oct. 2, 1874. Their son W. W. Wilson of Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon Ohio has been most helpful in making this report. David was born Jan. 9, 1851, and Emma was born April 4, 1858. Apama married a Newton. Almada married Nathan Magers, and after his death she married Sam Reop. John married Cinda Magers, a sister to Nathan. Ann married Tom Brokaw. After the death of Clara, Lum married, Cinda, the widow of John.

The Lum Wilsons moved to Iowa in 1882 with three children, Ida, Frank and Daisy. Ida married Ed McCue. Frank married Jennie Frizzell and Daisy married John Gilbert. After the Wilsons came to Iowa they had two more children, Pearl and Jay. None of these children survive.

Catherine and Ruth Frizzell had a brother known to us as Uncle Jimmy. His son John M. Frizzell and wife Elizabeth and their children left Baltimore Co. Md. for Knox Co. O., in 1826. We know of two of their children, George and Ephraim. George had 2 children by his first wife, James and Clara Alice. James married Esther Smith. Jim died in Newton, Ia., in 1881 or 1882, leaving his widow and two small children Howard and Mary, no survivors. Alice married Seymour Hunter and they moved to Iowa about 1832, living in Jasper Co., for several years, then moving to Dallas Co. The Hunters had 4 boys, George, Percy, Clark and Ray. Only Ray survives and he lives in Dexter, Iowa. The second wife of George Frizzell was Bell Blakely. They had one son, William.

Ephraim Frizzell was born in Md. Sept. 16, 1816. He lived as a farmer and tanner neary Amity, O. He married Mary Montis in 1839. She was born Sept. 10, 1816, and was the daughter of John and Susan Montis of York, Pa. They had 9 children, George, Allen, Elijah, Sarah C., Mary A., Susan, John M., Elizabeth, and Normanda who died May 2, 1862. George and Allen moved to Iowa in 1868 and settled in Jasper County. Allen had a daughter Jenny Frizzell who married Frank Wilson, son of Lum and Clara. Jennie a widow lives in Newton, Iowa.

Aunts and uncles have been named and now for the cousins. Uncle Hugh and Aunt Clarinda had eight children as follows: John, Eva, Dell, Minnie, Sade, Charlie, Walter and Cora. Of these only four survive. Minnie Elliott lives in Marion, Ohio. Sadie Bevington lives in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Charlie and Cora live in California. Uncle Henry and Aunt Alvira had five children, Wilda married Will Morrison; Blanche married Gus Carter; Edward Wilson married Jessie Traxler; Fred married Della Toothman and Alberta married Frank McElroy. None of these children survive. Uncle Isaac and Aunt Sade Dunmire had two children before they moved to Iowa in 1830. James William was born May 15, 1871 and Lizzie May was born May 6, 1876. After they moved to Iowa, Harry Wilson was born June 23, 1882. They had two other children who died in infancy, Vida Pearl and Naomi Ethel. After living in Jasper County a few years, they moved to Madison County,

Iowa. Jimmy Dunmire married Cora Gay Murphy June 8, 1892 and Lizzie Dunmire married Ira C. DeBruyn on December 11, 1895. Lizzie DeBruyn, a widow, lives in Dexter, Iowa. Harry Dunmire and his family live near Earlham, Iowa. Uncle Albert and Aunt Mary had three children, Harley who married Nora Foresythe; Clyde who married Massie Hyatt and Velma who married Cydus Oldaker. Only Velma survives and she lives with her husband near Bellville, Ohio. '1

My parents, Deroy Elwood (Ed) and Julia Phillips had five children. Three of us were born in Ohio. Frank McGinley was born July 30, 1874, John Hipsley was born August 25, 1875 and Clyde Coulter was born March 20, 1877. We were all born in my grandfather's house about three miles east of Fredericktown, Ohio. After living with my grandfather for three or four years we moved into a log house on the Knox farm and then on to a new house built by Mr. Coulter on his own farm and from there to the Harris farm south of Fredericktown. In February 1881, we moved to Kellogg, Jasper County, Iowa. After arriving in Iowa two more children were born. Pearl Maude was born August 26, 1881 and Artye May was born June 9, 1885. My father died Aug. 20, 1900. John married Annie Smith and they had one son Eddie before his death in September 1900. Eddie Phillips lives in Lake City, Iowa. Clyde married Alice Hinshaw and they had ten children, nine of whom are still living. Maude married Charles Francis Adams March 30, 1897. They had five children, Jet, Grace, Mildred, Agnes and Evelyn. Artye married Clarence Powers November 15, 1905. They have one adopted daughter, Cattie who married Burdette Barnes. The Barnes with their four children live in Cedar Falls, Ia. My own wedding took place March 24, 1897 to Carrie Marie Ervin, daughter of John Patton and Anna Marie (Moberley) Ervin. We have already celebrated our 62nd wedding anniversary. Our living children are as follows: Anna Marie, born November 18, 1893, married Charles Roger Nichols September 4, 1924, they live with their son Charles Ronald in Washington, D. C.; Ruth Reona, born June 29, 1900, Ruth Dronenburg, a widow lives in Silver Spring, Maryland; Russic Dale, single, was born January 23, 1905 and lives in Arlington, Va.; Eileen Haleyon was born December 3, 1906, Eileen Wilde, a widow, lives in Westminster, Maryland and her son Johnny Watt by a former husband lives near Mt. Airy, Md. Johnny married Nancy Gesell and they have 3 children Jerry Lee, Susan Jean and Dean Franklin; Jack Wendell was born August 25, 1914. He married Stella Charters July 3, 1937 and they live with their three children, Brian Wayne, Barbara Dale and Calvin Frank in Holden, Massachusetts just out of Worcester. Two children died in infancy, Beryl, born June 30, 1903, lived until January 25, 1904; Wayne, a twin to Jack lived only two days. For my own activities, see Who's Who.

Less is known about my mother's ancestry. Her father was Enoch Simpson Beard (1818-1877) and his father came from England. He lived most of the time in Fulton Co., Ill. He married Sarah Lovell (1820-1881) on Dec. 8, 1837. She was the daughter of James and Ruth Lovell. It is believed that they had 13 children. The Beard estate papers name 11 of them. The eldest, William, married America McCartney, Apr. 14, 1861. Sarah Miranda, (Ran) born in 1839 married Aaron Spry, and after his death, Samuel Seward. Mary Elizabeth, born Sept. 27, 1840, married William Lovell in 1858, died Nov. 2, 1920. Clarissa Emma, born in 1845, married Joe Houston. Julia Beard, my mother, born Dec. 15, 1851, married Elwood Phillips in 1873, died June 26, 1924. Anna M. married a Drake. Benjamin Franklin, born in 1853, died single. Nancy C., married David Hatfield. Amanda, no data. Enoch R. born in 1855, went west while a boy and was never heard from afterward. Lastly Stephen A. Douglass, born 1859. First cousins known to be living are, Moses Seward, of Astoria, Ill. Rhoda Lovell Green, Kellerton, Ia. James Lovell, Spokane, Wash. Fred Lovell, Ipava, Ill. A more complete study of the Beards and Lovells is being made by Mrs. Dorothea Etter of Ipava, Ill., granddaughter of William and Elizabeth Lovell.

The family tradition that one of our ancestors, a Frizzell, leased 240 A. to the City of Baltimore on a 99-year lease and never got it back seems to be well founded. However, those of us who have searched the records, have failed to find any such lease. The record has either been lost, or is being carefully concealed. It is known, that in parts of Baltimore, one who purchases land does not get a deed, but he gets a leasehold instead. Then instead of paying taxes to the city, he pays rent.

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